

The Headhunter

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Boots on the Ground!

Commander's Corner—

The soldiers of Headquarters Company have finally planted their boots on the ground in Camp Buehring, Kuwait. Upon arrival, we immediately posted our guidon and moved into our living quarters, set up operations, opened accounts for various logistical nodes, set up the Battalion motor pool and prepared for receipt of our equipment from the sea port. The soldiers are motivated and excited to finally be here after several months of hard and rigorous training.

We're living quite well with three large dining facilities, three AAFES exchanges, an enormous fitness center, three large food courts with popular American eateries, AT&T phone centers, internet cafes and MWR facilities containing TV centers, DVD, X-Box and Playstation rentals and free books. We also have a small movie theater and a large outdoor movie screen on a stage, which was just used by the band Drowning Pool, who played for us this past week. Al-

Personal Security Detachment Platoon



though the weather has been extremely hot, with temperatures ranging upwards to 125 degrees, all quarters and facilities are air conditioned and no one is complaining about our standards of living.

While in theater, we continue to train and prepare for future missions and hone our war fighting skills. All of our soldiers have conducted intense weapons

training, medical training, familiarization training with theater specific equipment and IED awareness training. The soldiers will also be training to improve their desert land navigation skills, desert driving techniques and will culminate with a mounted live fire exercise. We are quickly

becoming acclimated to the excruciating heat as we conduct this realistic training in the elements through all hours of the day.

Please keep our fellow Headhunters, CPT Ferguson, SPC Grayson, SPC Honn and SPC Lewis, in your prayers. They are already up north supporting Task Force 1-26 Infantry in Baghdad. Thanks to all the family members for all you do on the home front. We look forward to a speedy rotation and will see you all soon.

CPT C. Thompson
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9E Departure



Special points of interest:

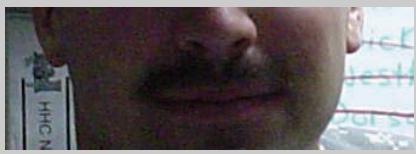
- Congratulations to SSG Smith, SGT Tyburski, SPC Bishop, SPC Fitzgerald, SPC Stowers, PFC Hiromitsu and PFC McNeese for their recent promotions on 1 SEP.
- SPC and Mrs. Templet are expecting to deliver their first baby by the end of this month.
- SFC Nagel graduated from the Chemical Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and is now reunited with us in Camp Buehring. Congratulations!
- Farewell to the following soldiers, though they won't be far, who were reassigned to the line companies: SSG Simon, SGT Tyburski, SPC Roche all to A Co and SPC Heying to C Co.
- Special Farewell to Silke Simon as she will now move on to be part of the A Co FRG. She has been a great supporter of the Headhunter FRG and we will miss her greatly.

Schedule of Events

- 4 SEP Labor Day 10K Run
- 4-6 SEP Carnival
- 9 SEP Drowning Pool Concert
- 17 SEP Cleveland Cavaliers Cheer-leaders Visit
- 27 SEP 9E Town Hall Meeting 
- 28 SEP HHC FRG Meeting 

NAME THAT STACHE

Can you guess who's mustache this is?
For answer, see page 4.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7	8	9
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Feature Platoon—PSD

The 9th Engineer Battalion Personal Security Detachment stood up in January 2006 and immediately launched into a rigorous 45 day gunnery and mission readiness exercise in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels. Fast forward from those initial growing pains, a disjointed group of soldiers pulled from across the battalion, you now see a tight knit group of warriors whose training levels and confidence in themselves and their equipment have become the standard to meet in HHC.

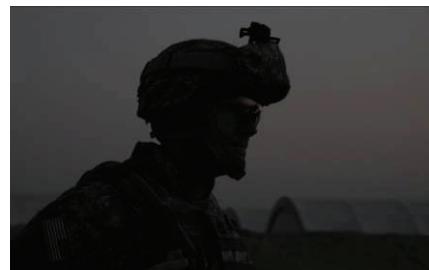


(Top left to bottom right) PFC Chumney, PV2 Hall, SGT Hicks, SGT Wetmore, PFC McNeese, SPC Stowers, PFC Wilson and SPC Lintner are 2nd Squad



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Since deploying to Kuwait the Horsemen, whose call sign hails from the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, have been training on security formations, close quarter marksmanship and urban assault operations.



SFC Krinsky, Platoon Sergeant



SSG Anderson (1st Squad Leader) barks instructions during IED reaction drills.



SPC Stowers reviews CLS skills with squad member PFC McNeese.



PFC Toves
mans a M249
SAW during a
CQB training
exercise.



Support Platoon

Support Platoon arrived in Kuwait with the main body on the 1st of September. Since then, it has been a time of learning and adjustment to life in Camp Buehring. The medical section has been busy with setting up the aid station, attending classes, and providing medical coverage. Currently, SPC Verlinich, PFC Mascolo, SPC Lewis, SPC Honn, SPC Dela Cruz, and SPC Manning are tasked out to the line companies. The DFAC section has begun shifts in the mess hall again. They supervise the KBR employees, and conduct health and safety checks in the serving area. In addition, several of the cooks have been tasked to different sections within HHC in order to support those sections. Currently, SGT Hicks and Roush are attached to PSD, PFC Rash is attached to the S-3 section, and SPC Quick is attached to HHC operations.

The fuel and trans section has been delivering and receiving ammunition in support of battalion training, and have been the main effort when running ranges. Collectively, the platoon has attended classes on escalation of force, ROE, ECP, CQM, and Warlock employment. Next week they will attend a three day training event that will cover the basics of convoy operations.



Learning about the PAS-13.

From left to right: SSG Johnson, SFC Feiler, SGT Hicks, SSG Brown, PFC Horvath, PV2 Vasquez



50cal. barrel PT

PFC Horvath passes a barrel to PFC Bean

Maintenance Platoon



HHC Maintenance Platoon consists of 4 sections; Unscheduled Services, Recovery, Services, and Specialty. Our Unscheduled Service team is used as a quick reaction force, always prepared to conduct maintenance on any vehicle that has become Non Mission Capable, NMC. Next there's Recovery, their mission is clear; to recover any vehicle that has become NMC outside of our Forward Operating Base. This section is equipped with two M88 recovery vehicles and is expected to recover any vehicle within 15 minutes once arriving on site. Our team currently does it in ten. Our

Service team conducts annual services on the battalion fleet keeping them Fully Mission Capable. Finally, there's Specialty, consisting of welders and machinists, who's primary mission is to meet the welding and fabrication needs of the Battalion.

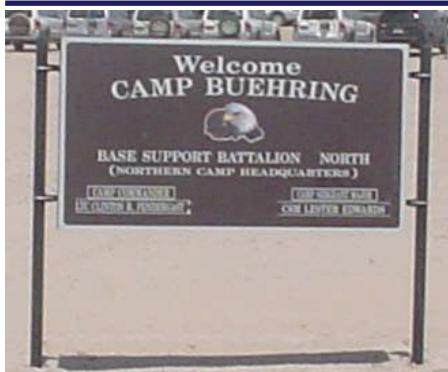


SPC Vaughan works on the Batmobile.



Specialty Section; SGT Vandreese (Squad Leader),
SPC Wilson, PFC Zieifle, PFC Woolbright, PV2
Ruaburo, and PV2 Tucker.

Camp Buerhing Information



Post Office hours are 0900-1800 Mo-Sa and 1000-1400 on Su. Incoming mail will be delivered to your PSGs.

Finance hours are 0900-1700 Mo-Sa and 1300-1600 on Su. They offer check cashing, casual pay and LES and pay assistance. Check cashing limit is \$200 per week and casual pay is \$350 per month. You can apply now.

for the Savings Deposit Program (SDP). See PAC for assistance.

*Visit the MWR or USO for books,
DVDs and play station and X-box
games.*

Watch all the latest movies at the Camp Buehring Cinema. A new movie plays every three hours.



The answer to "Name that Stache" is....

CPT Nick Bauer



Headquarters Company, 9th Engineer standing tall during the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Farewell Ceremony in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Thought for the week!

"It is a worthy thing to fight for one's freedom; it is another sight finer to fight for another man's"

~Mark Twain~

First Sergeant's Corner

Headquarters Company has done an outstanding job these past couple weeks. Our soldiers remain highly motivated as we continue to train for any possible mission lying ahead of us. I am fully confident that our NCOs and officers are the best the Army has to offer and that we can accomplish any mission, any where. FIRED UP!!!

1SG Shawn Lowenthal

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Brigade and Battalion Information

Visit the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Website at www.2bct.1id.army.mil for the latest news and information occurring within the Brigade and for messages from the Brigade Commander and Command Sergeant Major.

You can also visit the 9th Engineer Battalion Website at www.9en.2bct.1id.army.mil for latest Battalion news and information and messages from the Battalion Commander and Command Sergeant Major.

The 9E Virtual FRG website can be reached at www.armyfrg.org for latest FRG information. You must register to use this site.

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